

TB Nurse Network Meeting Minutes 1/26/12

Present: Peter Davidson (MDCH), Noreen Mollon (MDCH), Patty Raines (MDCH), Katie Dotson (MDCH), Missy Endres (Ingham), Deneen Gallagher (Ingham), Colleen Harns (Ingham), Lori Day (Wayne), Mira Sussman (Jewish Family Services), Nicole Wilson (Kalamazoo), Mike Phillips (Kalamazoo), Kim Brown (Branch), Bonnie Mellema (DHD #10), Nancy Boyer (Van Buren-Cass), Becky Stoddard (Mid-Michigan), Nnenna Wachuku (Wayne), Pat Brines (Oakland), Mary McCloud (Washtenaw), Rich Kinsey (DHD#10), Andrea Reichel (Lenawee), Christina Karpinski (Lenawee), Denise Bryan (Kent), Angie Schooley (MDCH Lab), Mari Pat Terpening (Central Michigan District), Tamara Holsinger-Robinson (Ottawa), Patty Feenstra (Ottawa), Ann Flournoy (Detroit)

Mira Sussman, Resettlement Program Director of Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County, presented an overview of immigration. She discussed the different types of legal immigration (immigrant, refugee, asylee) and explained who qualifies for public health benefits upon entry into the United States. Immigrants comprise approximately 80% of individuals entering the U.S. and are not eligible for public health assistance. Refugees and asylees are eligible for public health assistance including Medicaid and food assistance for a limited time after entry. Mira reminded us that Medicaid is retroactive for 3 months. Asylees must apply for asylum within one year of arriving to the United States. The top three countries from which refugees are entering the U.S. are Iraq, Burma, and Bhutan. Mira explained the refugee timeline and emphasized that it is a very long process. It may take months or years from time of application to time of resettlement and placement. Lastly, Mira discussed human trafficking. She said, "[human trafficking] is a crime that exists in the shadows." She provided us with several screening questions and "red flags" to help public health nurses identify victims of human trafficking. (**See attached powerpoint slides**)

Next, Peter Davidson provided a presentation on Electronic Disease Notification (EDN) TB follow-up worksheets. In December 2011, CDC's Division of Tuberculosis Elimination (DTBE) and Division of Global Migration and Quarantine (DGMQ) released guidelines to assist EDN users on completing TB follow-up worksheets for aliens classified with a class B TB status. These guidelines are very detailed and can be found at www.michigan.gov/tb under "What's New." CDC encourages completion of an initial evaluation for all individuals with Class B TB status within 30 days of arrival. Peter went through each section of the TB follow-up worksheet and provided detail on how to complete the information. The information provided in the follow-up worksheets is submitted to CDC through EDN. It is important to understand that most of the worksheet is asking for information collected in the domestic evaluation (after entry into the United States). If your program has made reasonable attempts to contact a newly-arrived individual but does not receive feedback within 30 days, please indicate that the individual was not located under block D2 on page 2 and return the worksheet as closed. If you learn that a newly-arrived individual has moved to another State or to another county within Michigan, please attempt to get a forwarding address and phone number. Address and phone number updates should be sent to Katie Dotson at MDCH as soon as possible. Peter has also created a detailed document with notes on how to complete a TB follow-up worksheet. EDN is currently in the process of revising the TB follow-up

worksheet. The revised worksheet is expected to be released within the next several months. MDCH will send out notification along with guidance once the new worksheet is released. (**See attached powerpoint slides and notes**)

Patty Raines discussed nursing education opportunities for 2012. In July 2011, the TB Nurse Network suggested that the 2-day TB Nursing Certification course be offered every other year. It was suggested that a 1-day training be offered on the opposite years. Patty presented two possible agendas for a Summer 2012 1-day case management course. Patty discussed an additional educational opportunity that is currently up for discussion. The New Jersey Global TB Institute has offered to come to Lansing in June/July to present a 4-day contact investigation course. Since the course was developed by CDC, it cannot be modified or condensed. The TB Nurse Network agreed that it would not be feasible for staff to attend a 4-day training. Alternatively, the Network discussed having a 1-day training that would cover both case management (1/2 day) and contact investigation (1/2 day). Patty will continue to work on an agenda. Please send any ideas, needs, or topics for training/education to Patty Raines at rainesp@michigan.gov.

Effective January 2012, Kathy Webster had to step down from her role as chairperson of the TB Nurse Network. MDCH would like to extend a special thanks to Kathy for her dedication and commitment to TB Nurse Network in 2011! Patty Raines asked the TB Nurse Network for a volunteer to become the new chairperson. Patty explained that the chairperson is responsible for developing an agenda and facilitating the TBNN meetings. MDCH provides support to the chairperson as needed. Peter explained that MDCH is capable of assuming this role if necessary, but wanted to offer it locally if possible. It was determined that current budget and staffing issues are making it difficult for individuals at the local level to assume responsibility of this role. For now, Patty will fill in as chairperson of the TB Nurse Network. This discussion will be revisited in the future.

Patty asked for topic ideas for future meetings. If you have any ideas, please contact Patty at rainesp@michigan.gov.

Upcoming Meetings:

Thursday, April 26, 2012 from 10:00a-12:00p (Ingham County Health Department)

Thursday, July 26, 2012 from 10:00a-12:00p (Ingham County Health Department)

Thursday, October 25, 2012 from 10:00am-12:00p (Ingham County Health Department)

Respectfully Submitted,

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